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**Mayor Bernard Carvalho, Jr. issues statement re. Zika case on Kaua'i**

The ongoing Dengue outbreak on the island of Hawai'i, along with the threats of Zika, Chikungunya and other diseases spread by mosquitoes, has been a concern for many of us and our 'ohana.

Today's announcement by the Hawai'i Department of Health (DOH) regarding an isolated, imported or travel-associated case of the Zika virus on Kaua'i reinforces the need for community awareness and preventive measures that should be taken to help prevent Zika, Dengue and similar diseases from becoming established here. "Travel-associated" and "imported" means that this disease was not contracted on Kaua'i.

On the county's end, I have been working closely with the Kaua'i Civil Defense Agency, the Kaua'i District Health Office and other county and state partners in collaborative, preventive and preparedness efforts. Gov. Ige's recent emergency proclamation and statewide coordination by the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency and the DOH has reinforced and strengthened our efforts.

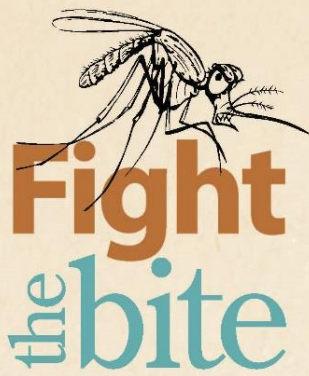
At this time, I am asking for your assistance with community awareness and preventive measures.

Please start by reviewing and sharing the attached "Fight the Bite" poster with your family and friends. An online version can be accessed via the following link,

[http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/files/2015/11/Fight\\_The\\_Bite\\_final.pdf](http://health.hawaii.gov/docd/files/2015/11/Fight_The_Bite_final.pdf).

By following these simple steps, we can all help to reduce the mosquito population, prevent mosquito bites, and most importantly, prevent the establishment and spread of Dengue and similar diseases on Kaua'i and Niihau.

Mahalo for your kōkua!



# Protect Yourself, Protect Hawaii from Dengue Fever

By knowing how to control mosquito breeding areas and how to protect yourself from being bitten, you can join us in preventing the spread of dengue fever.

## Help Eliminate Mosquitoes

Here are a few ways you can get rid of standing water and reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home or property.



**Eliminate standing water in buckets, puddles, etc.**



**Fix leaky faucets and outdoor hoses that are dripping water.**



**Treat bromeliads and other plants that hold water.**



**Clean your gutters so water runs freely.**



**Repair screens and jalousie windows to keep mosquitoes out.**



**Dispose of old tires.**

## Protect Yourself

Follow these simple steps to protect yourself and your family and friends from dengue fever.



**Apply insect repellent when you're outdoors. Always follow directions for using repellents— especially on small children.**



**Clothing, such as long pants, long sleeve shirts and socks, can help protect from bites.**



**Avoid activities in areas with lots of mosquitoes, and going outdoors at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.**



**FOR UPDATES ABOUT THE DENGUE FEVER IN HAWAII VISIT [www.health.hawaii.gov](http://www.health.hawaii.gov)**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL ALOHA UNITED WAY 2-1-1**

**TO REPORT A SUSPECTED CASE CONTACT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DISEASE OUTBREAK CONTROL DIVISION AT 808-586-4586.**

**IF YOU ARE ILL AND SUSPECT YOU MAY HAVE DENGUE FEVER, CALL YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER IMMEDIATELY.**